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**Series/Scope and Content Note:** This collection consists of Army Medical Museum (AMM) incoming correspondence, mostly from Smithsonian Secretaries Joseph Henry and Spencer Baird, relating primarily to the exchange of specimens between the Museum and the Smithsonian. George A. Otis, D.L. Huntington, and John S. Billings were curators of the Museum during this time. See also Museum Records: Accession Records and Curatorial Records: Letterbooks of the Curators for related correspondence.

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1/10/1867

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Charges for mounted skeletons of apes and monkeys  
comparative anatomy

3/27/1867

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Contribution to AMM

8/03/1867

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Encloses a brochure on medical and surgical work from Milan.

2/07/1868

Barnes, J.K.; Surgeon General, USA

Henry, Joseph

Sends bow and arrows of Oregon Indians, 3 Apache arrows, vertebrae of Genl. Braddock, tanned human skin, tanned hippopotamus skin and 6 calculi of cows. Cranes directs Otis to acknowledge for Barnes.

anthropology, Revolutionary war, comparative anatomy, Amerindian

5/02/1868

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Transfers duplicate Indian Crania.

anthropology, Amerindian

5/14/1868

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Sends invoice of specimens mentioned in last letter. Invoice filed in AS 66-94 and AS 256-262.

anthropology, AS 66-94, AS 256-262, Amerindian

7/13/1868

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Prof. Henry has loaned West Coast heads to Wyman for examination. Baird himself would prefer to see all crania deposited in AMM.

Amerindian, crania, anthropology



7/29/1868

Barnes, J.K.; Surgeon General, USA

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of three mineral specimens.

geology

10/08/1868

Army Medical Museum

Turner, J.A.

Receipt for specimens of minerals.

geology

10/20/1868

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Encloses photograph of Amerindian skull pierced by stone arrow. After Dr. Wyman has inspected mound skull, Baird expects Prof. Henry to transfer skull to AMM.

Amerindian, crania, photography, anthropology

10/23/1868

Barnes, J.K.; Surgeon General, USA

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of specimens of ancient pottery from Fort Wadsworth, Dakota.

anthropology, Amerindian

10/31/1868

Barnes, J.K.; Surgeon General, USA

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of specimens of Lignite, Iron ore, and petrified wood.

geology

11/04/1868

Barnes, J.K.; Surgeon General, USA

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of various specimens of Mineralogy and Geology from the West.

geology

12/16/1868

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Identifies fossil as Baculites and will add it to SI collection.

paleontology



1/14/1869

Barnes, J.K.; Surgeon General, USA

Henry, Joseph

Proposes an exchange of specimens which are now in possession of the AMM, relative to Indian Archaeology and Anthropology, for specimens relative to human and comparative anatomy in the SI. Original and true copy.

Amerindian, anthropology, archeology

1/17/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Relative to Schlaginsweik's works.

1/21/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Introduces Mr. Moulthrop, who calls at AMM for a pair of human eyes.

1/22/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Henry has approved transfer of crania and AMM staff can pick it up at any time. Wants to know if museum wants monstrosities. Otis forwards letter to Woodward who does.

embryology, crania, anthropology

2/01/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Sends botanical paper to be shipped to Dr. Hitz at Fort Shaw, Montana while requesting Dr. Hitz to collect fungi for Dr. Billings.

2/06/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Needs memorandum relating to specimens forwarded by Dr. Sternberg. Transferred Indian Baby.

Amerindian, anthropology

2/08/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Locality of baby is marked on box. Can transfer imperfect mound skulls from Wisconsin.

Wishes to have Dr. Sternberg send additional material from Fort Wallace.

Amerindian, anthropology



3/06/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges pottery and stone implements collected by Dr. Swift at Vicksburg.  
anthropology, Amerindian

3/06/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of articles from mounds of Louisiana collected by Dr. Swift.  
anthropology, Amerindian

3/23/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Forwards kit for Dr. Hitz of Camp Shaw to collect fungi for Dr. Billings. SI has collected two  
Aleut skulls. Is trying to borrow skull of Potowatomie Indian for Otis to see.  
Amerindian, Billings, anthropology

4/19/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Introduces Mr. Moulthrop, a modeler in wax.

4/20/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Whale skeleton is available from Fort Macon, NC if Otis acts promptly.  
comparative anatomy

4/24/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Needs information on size of cranium of that big Pottowatomie Injun to convey to the donor, Dr.  
Hay.  
Amerindian, anthropology, crania

5/14/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Has not had time to arrange Dr. Sternberg's collection but will forward the results when completed.  
paleontology



5/19/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of collection of fossils made by Dr. Sternberg.  
paleontology

6/04/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Rel. to the policy of allowing casts to be taken from specimens belonging to the government by  
private individuals.

6/26/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Thanks for sending Ward. Will speak to Henry about the skulls Wyman has.  
anthropology

7/08/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Receipts Indian pottery accompanying letter from AMM of July 3d etc.  
Amerindian, anthropology

7/14/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

States that a number of human foetuses, etc, from alcoholic collections, have been selected and are  
ready for delivery to the AMM. Requests the label of Indian Cerement lately forwarded to Inst. from  
AMM.

anthropology, Amerindian, AS 632

7/21/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Returns thanks to AMM for fossils contributed by Dr. Lyon, and Sioux rattle from Dr. Kimball.  
Amerindian, anthropology, paleontology

8/05/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of Fossil bones and Teeth from AMM.



anthropology, paleontology

8/09/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges with thanks, receipt of box containing specimens from the Mammoth Cave, Ky.  
Mammoth Cave

10/30/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of fossil botany specimens from Dr. Notson in Texas.

11/25/1869

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Thanks Otis for speaking to Woodward about the bones.

11/27/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Transmits letter of Prof. C.L. Ford (University of Mich.) relative to Indian Crania.  
Amerindian, anthropology

12/08/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Requests a set of photographs of surg'l injuries prepared at the AMM for a gentleman in NY to  
exchange for valuable Indian relics.

anthropology, Amerindian, Surgical photographs

12/21/1869

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Reports numbers of pottery and Indian arrowheads contributed by AMM.  
Amerindian, anthropology, AS 718-720

2/15/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of two fossil teeth from horse.



paleontology

2/26/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of specimens.

3/03/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of mastodon tooth and teeth of fossil horse.

paleontology

4/02/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Invites Otis to the meetings of the National Academy of Sciences on April 12th.

5/24/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges the receipt of specimens & returns thanks, also refers to the collections of Dr. Palmer in Arizona.

5/28/1870

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits a specimen in alcohol, atrophied spleen. Case of Robert Youst, Civilian.

6/01/1870

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of specimens.

6/01/1870

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Returns manuscript of Dr. Comfort's report. Prof. Henry sailed for England.





6/10/1870

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Expecting casts of French Cro-magnon crania to arrive soon from Prof. Quatrefages which will be transferred to the AMM. In return, the Prof. would like crania of definitely-identified tribes and mound builders. Mounds in TN are being excavated.

anthropology, evolution, Cro-magnon casts

6/17/1870

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of package for Prof. Quatrefages.

anthropology, evolution, Cro-magnon casts

6/29/1870

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of specimens sent on June 25th

9/22/1870

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of specimens sent on Sept. 12.

10/03/1870

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of stone implements sent on Sept. 28.

anthropology

10/20/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges the receipt of a tin globe, which has been struck by lightning (sic).

10/22/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of fragments of Mastodon tusks collected at Decatur, Ills.

paleontology



10/24/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Requests Dr. Otis to review a manuscript on Indian remains for inclusion into the Smithsonian Contributions series.

anthropology, Amerindian

11/15/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Transmits contribution to AMM of specimens of human crania in accordance with previous understanding.

anthropology, Amerindian

12/06/1870

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of fossils collected by Dr. Gerard.

paleontology

1/13/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

States that the Smithsonian is now willing to accept an Indian stone mill mentioned in a letter of Dr. Meacham to the A.M.M. dated November 30, 1868.

anthropology, Amerindian

1/17/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of Dr. Irwin's collection of fish bones and promises a future shipment of human crania.

anthropology, ichthyology

1/17/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Communicates establishment of a National Museum of Ethnology for the Kingdom of Italy in Florence and discusses Prof. Giglioli's proposed exchange.

anthropology, Amerindian

1/24/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of Dr. Peter's letter regarding Dr. Le Carpentier's collection. Also received Dr. Comfort's collection.



1/31/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Discusses exchange of crania with Ethnological Museum of Florence and suggests that AMM should deal solely with crania and not other bones. Mentions stone mortar being collected for Sl. anthropology, Amerindian, Ethnological Museum of Florence

3/13/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Will not be able to purchase Dr. Le Carpentier's collection from Dr. Peters

3/22/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Relative to letter and documents of Dr. Rodrique of Mexico describing a quadruple human monster.  
teratology

3/24/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of specimens.

3/28/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of Indian War Spears and Mandan Shield.  
anthropology, Amerindian

4/26/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Relative to exchange of specimens with J. Barnard Davis M.D. of Staffordshire, England.  
anthropology

5/05/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of bird from Dr. White  
ornithology



5/23/1871

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Letter missing. Wrapper says Relative to the exploration of Indian Mounds in California and asks for instructions relative to forwarding of crania found.

anthropology, Amerindian

6/02/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Returns thanks for a pack of Indian playing cards.

anthropology, Amerindian

12/04/1871

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Transmits letter from Dr. Giglioli of the Florence Anthropological Museum concerning the exchange of crania.

Amerindian, anthropology, Florence Anthropological museum.

2/24/1872

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Reminds Otis that Prof. Montigassi of the Museum of Science and Natural History of Florence would like to trade for North American crania.

Museum of Science and Natural History of Florence, anthropology, Amerindian

3/22/1872

Woodward, J.J.

Henry, Joseph

Transfers mummy from Inca, Peru

mummy, Peru

4/20/1872

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Would like to borrow a mound builder skull and a modern Indian skull to photograph for Dr. Palmer's article.

anthropology, Amerindian



5/01/1872

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Receipt of Indian relics from Angel Is, CA - collected by Dr. A.H. Hoff, USA

Amerindian, anthropology

5/03/1872

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Thanks for material collected by Dr. Hoff.

Amerindian, anthropology

11/20/1872

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Requests a report on the work of Dr. Jones, in manuscript, on the ancient remains in the Southern States.

anthropology, Amerindian

11/23/1872

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Requests Dr. Otis to address Professor Henry direct, and states, he does not understand the communication.

1/23/1873

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of letter and return of the memoir of Dr. Jones on the antiquities of the Shawnee and returns thanks of the Institution for the report.

anthropology, Amerindian

2/13/1873

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of handsome arrowhead and would like accompanying memorandum.

anthropology

2/17/1873

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of a spearhead from AMM.



anthropology, Amerindian

3/10/1873

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of flint spearhead from New York.

anthropology, Amerindian

4/01/1873

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Returns thanks for microscopic earth obtained from Richmond, which shall be added to stock for distribution.

4/01/1873

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of pottery and Seminole arrowhead.

anthropology, Amerindian

4/02/1873

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Transmits to AMM, a ball 'which', it is stated, 'was taken from the throat of an ox' - Also, the donor requests any information as 'to the nature of this object and its relation to the health of the animal', etc.

veterinary

4/29/1873

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges the receipt of two Ancient Indian Jars and an Arrowhead from Florida.

Amerindian, anthropology

10/24/1873

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of fossil from New Mexico and letter of Dr. Fryer also Ass's' (sic) Crania from Texas collected by Surg. Hammond.

Fryer



11/10/1873

Surgeon General's Office

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of two asses skulls and one fossil.  
paleontology

12/19/1873

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of specimens of snake skins and memoranda relative to same from Asst.  
Surg. Cowdrey, USA and returns thanks for same.

4/17/1874

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Requests history of a bayonet-like object, marked no. 451, turned over to the Smithsonian from  
the A.M.M.

4/27/1874

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits letter of a Florida correspondent, in reference to crania and skeletons of Indians and  
asking for authority to expend a small sum of money in excavating for them. (No enclosure was  
rec'd)  
anthropology, Amerindian

6/06/1874

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Introduces Dr. E. Bessil of the Polaris expedition, who desires to examine crania of the  
Esquimeaux (sic) in the AMM.  
anthropology, Amerindian

6/08/1874

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of three relics of the Indians formerly inhabiting New Jersey and letter of  
4 inst and returns letter of Surg. D.C. Peters, USA, contributing the same.

6/23/1874

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph



Acknowledges receipt of specimens.

6/29/1874

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges receipt of specimens of ancient stone from St. Joseph and skin of buffalo fetus collected by Dr. Woodruff.

7/10/1874

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Sends review copy of Swan on the Haidah Indians.

Amerindian, anthropology

7/25/1874

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges transfer of buffalo scapula. Probably MS 683.

Amerindian, anthropology, MS 683

12/10/1874

Army Medical Museum

Smithsonian Institution

Received 1 Indian stone hammer, 1 Ute Necklace, 1 skin bag, 1 scalp and Comanche (sic) lance, Ft. McKairb, Tex., and 6 Hoopa arrows.

Amerindian, anthropology

4/03/1875

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges reception of an Apache Tonto Medicine Stick and returns thanks therefore.

Amerindian, anthropology

4/20/1875

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledges reception of clay pipe.

4/22/1875

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph





Acknowledges reception of Apache Tonto Medicine Stick from Dr. W. E. Day.  
anthropology, Amerindian

5/07/1875  
Otis, G.  
Henry, Joseph  
Introduces Dr. Bucknell of England.

5/10/1875  
Otis, G.  
Henry, Joseph  
Acknowledges transfer of Indian scalp.  
anthropology, Amerindian

5/15/1875  
Otis, G.  
Baird, S.F.  
On behalf of Prof. Henry, acknowledges receipt of a bonnet of a Cheyenne medicine man.  
anthropology, Amerindian

5/27/1875  
Baird, S.F.  
Letter missing. Note says, acknowledges reception of 6 packages containing for the measurement etc. of the human race, for use of Dr. Bessels and states that the large weighing machine will be returned etc.  
anthropometry, anthropology

6/01/1875  
Baird, S.F.  
Letter missing. Note says, Returns the weighing machine loaned by the Secty. of War for use of Dr. Bessels in Alaska.  
anthropometry, anthropology

6/11/1875  
Otis, G.  
Baird, S.F.  
Relative to the exploration of mounds on Rock Island, by agents of the Davenport Academy of Sciences and its probable results also the operations of Mr. Schumacher, in Southern California.  
anthropology, Amerindian



6/12/1875

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Discusses exploring mounds around Ft. Brady, Michigan and the interesting bone harpoons found there.

anthropology, Amerindian

10/27/1875

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits bones of the Pigmies of Tennessee, desiring opinion thereof.

anthropology, Amerindian

11/06/1875

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Would like to have AMM provide a series of crania for an ethnology exhibit at the Centennial Exposition. Are currently unpacking 300 crania from Santa Barbara.

anthropology, Amerindian, Centennial Exposition

2/09/1876

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Makes inquiry relative to skulls, photo's of which he encloses and which were sent to him by Mr. GSB Hempstead of Portsmouth, Ohio.

anthropology, Amerindian

4/04/1876

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledging reception of a collection of geological specimens, minerals and pottery from New Mexico.

Amerindian, anthropology, geology

4/04/1876

Otis, G.

Henry, Joseph

Acknowledging reception of implements etc. used by the Yankton Sioux and Chippewa Indians.

anthropology, Amerindian

5/23/1876

Otis, G.



Baird, S.F.

Offers to split material collected from California mounds by Dr. Hays with AMM, if AMM will pay shipment.

anthropology, Amerindian

5/14/1877

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Regarding the collection made by Dr. Swift from a mound at Vicksburg especially pottery with a pig's tooth implanted in it.

anthropology, Amerindian

10/30/1877

Barnes, J.K.

Henry, Joseph

Transmits a collection of reptiles, which have been selected and identified by Dr. H.C. Yarrow.

comparative anatomy

12/11/1877

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits a ball of hair from stomach of a cow, contributed by George J. Gibbs, of Grand Turk, Turks Island, British West Indies.

comparative anatomy

1/24/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits collection human bones from Indian graves in Santa Barbara Co., Cal., gathered in 1875 by the expedition of Lt. Gen. M. Wheeler.

Wheeler expedition, Amerindian, anthropology

6/11/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of a tattooed head of a Maori or New Zealander, retransferred to this Institution, where it originally formed part of the collection of the Wilkes Expedition.

anthropology, Wilkes Expedition

7/23/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.



Acknowledges receipt of specimens

10/11/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges reception of the reptiles (944 Sect VI) forwarded by Asst. Surg. George A. Otis, U.S.A., October 4, 1878, for Asst Surgeon T.E. Wilcox, U.S.A. comparative anatomy, MS 944

10/30/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of two iguanas.

11/19/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits three malformed pigs feet (6-toed).  
teratology

11/20/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits ball of hair taken from stomach of cow.

11/23/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits specimen of Reinhardtius hippoglossoides.

12/27/1878

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of Catalogue of Surgical Section of the Army Medical Museum.  
Catalogue of Surgical Section

1/28/1879

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Encloses Circular Relative to Scientific and Literary Exchanges to foreign countries.



6/12/1879

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Is prepared to transfer 56 species of fish  
ichthyology, comparative anatomy

10/23/1879

Henshaw, H. W.

List of birds collected by Henshaw.  
ornithology, comparative anatomy

4/23/1880

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits human foetus.  
embryology

5/05/1880

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Calls attention to the fact that between Hat Creek and Red Cloud Agency, bones from the  
Cheyenne Indian's last stand can be obtained.  
Amerindian, anthropology

5/14/1880

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Furnishes name and address of curator of Auckland museum  
Auckland museum, New Zealand

6/16/1880

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Transmits ball of hair from cow's stomach.

2/21/1881

Otis, G.

Baird, S.F.

Encloses an offer of an adipocere woman. Offer returned to Baird.  
adipocere woman



2/26/1883

Yarrow, H.C.

McConnell, J.C.

Copy. Results of examination of tumor. Filed with letter of 5/18/1883.  
comparative anatomy

5/18/1883

Crane, Charles H.

Baird, S.F.

Furnishing a specimen of blowing viper with morbid growths. Encloses copy of letter from  
McConnell to Yarrow.  
comparative anatomy

1/14/1884

Billings, J.S.

Goode, G. Brown

Returns skulls borrowed for Prof. Mason's lecture.

9/11/1884

Billings, J.S.

Goode, G. Brown

Would like to borrow dolphin skeleton.  
comparative anatomy

10/13/1884

Billings, J.S. thru J.W. Powell

Thomas, Cyril

Wishes to borrow skeleton.  
anthropology

12/13/1884

Billings, J.S.

Mason, O.T.

Requests Billings speak at Anthropological Society on the physiological aspects of ornament in  
the Ceramic Art.  
anthropology

3/10/1885

Billings, J.S.

Baird, S.F.

Requests permission for one of his assistants, who is anxious to study the osteology of the  
lynxes, to make use of any skeletons or portions of skeletons in the AMM.



comparative anatomy, osteology

4/01/1885

Billings, J.S.

Baird, S.F.

Will be glad to receive osteological specimens. Wishes to know when should human crania be sent.

anthropology, osteology, comparative anatomy

4/16/1885

Billings, J.S.

Baird, S.F.

Would like to transfer carcasses of dead animals to the AMM for necropsies and inclusion into a comparative anatomy collection. If the AMM begins a comparative anatomy collection, the SI will drop theirs.

comparative anatomy

6/03/1885

Billings, J.S.

Baird, S.F.

Acknowledges receipt of a disarticulated skeleton of a male peccary and three peccary skins for the osteological and mammal depts. of SI.

comparative anatomy

6/16/1885

Yarrow, H.C.

Bean, T.H.

Identifies fish forwarded in August 1884.

comparative anatomy, ichthyology

6/19/1885

Billings, J.S.

Baird, S.F.

Grateful acknowledgement for a live Peccary: *Dicotyles torquatus*; from Texas. (Accession 15605)

comparative anatomy

7/20/1885

Billings, J.S.

Baird, S.F.

SI will help on AMM work with fishes and reptiles but it must wait until the curator returns.

comparative anatomy



8/12/1885

Matthews, W.

Lucas, F.A.

Requests that the delay in calling for the balance of the skeletons, transferred by the AMM to the US Nat'l Museum, be overlooked.

comparative anatomy

10/10/1885

Billings, J.S.

Baird, S.F.

SI can provide examples of seven genera of fishes.

comparative anatomy, ichthyology

2/27/1886

Billings, J.S.

Brown, S.C.

Package sent by messenger has arrived.

3/16/1886

Billings, J.S.

Lucas, F.A.

Would like to examine the skeletons of tailed Batrachia in AMM.

comparative anatomy

3/25/1886

Billings, J.S.

Lucas, F.A.

Thanks for permitting examination of specimens.

comparative anatomy

5/27/1886

Billings, J.S.

Coues, Elliot

States that AS 124 and AS 1580 are in his possession at the National Medical College and he would like to continue borrowing them.

National Medical College, AS 124, AS 1580

6/07/1886

Billings, J.S.

Coues, Elliot

Will return specimens as soon as he can.

National Medical College, AS 124, AS 1580





9/09/1886

Billings, J.S.

True, F.W.

Requests loan of skeleton of Logenorhynchus acutus.  
comparative anatomy, CA 2489

9/17/1886

Billings, J.S.

Brown, S.C.

Package sent by messenger has arrived.  
MS 929 (old)

10/05/1886

Billings, J.S.

Goode, G. Brown

Acknowledges receipt of deer's head found in Apache cave in 1878.  
comparative anatomy, MS 929

4/14/1887

Wortman

Rheem, E.S.

Copy. Forwards six specimens of reptiles in alcohol and states that they are the largest of the kind he could find.  
comparative anatomy

4/30/1887

Billings, J.S.

Lucas, F.A.

Left specimen of Buteo borealis at AMM and offers to provide another if necessary.  
comparative anatomy